Directions by National Commission for SC/ST

1863. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any direction/instruction has been given by the National Commission for SC/ST based on letter received from 'All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped Peoples Upliftment' for allotment of Residential Flat/Plots etc. on 9th December, 2003 to New Okhla Industrial Development Authority; and

(b) if so, the authority's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

National Commission for SCs/STs

1864. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the old National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been bifurcated into two Commissions, one for the Scheduled Castes and the another for the Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has been given the Cabinet status but the Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes has not been given the Cabinet status for the last nine months; if so, the reasons for this delay; and

(c) whether the Commission for Scheduled Castes is already short of staff and the non-providing of Cabinet status to the Chairman has further aggravated the shortage of staff?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Two separate national commissions, namely the National Commission for Scheduled Castes under Article 338